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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJ: POPULAR RALLY AGAINST SYRIAN ARMY INTERVENTION IN LEBANESE
PLANNED IN KUWAIT

1. KUWAIT ARABIC PRESS JULY 20 CARRIED NOTICE IN WHICH CNWAIT
POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS INVITED " ARAB MASSES IN KUWAIT" TO ATTEND
POPULAR RALLY SCHEDULED EVENING JULY 21 AT ISTIQLAL CLUB. PURPOSE
OF RALLY IS TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY AND PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND
LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT AND TO CONDEMN SYRIAN ARMY INTER-
VENTION IN LEBANON.

2. APPARENTLY AS LONG AS MEETING IS RESTRICTED TO CONFINES OF
ISTIQLAL CLUB, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO SEEK PERMISSION FROM
KUWAITI MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO HOLD RALLY. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED
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THAT LOCAL SECURITY FORCES WILL TAKE CAREFUL PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT

MEETING FROM SPILLING OVER INTO OUTSIDE AREAS.

3. PALESTINIAN AND RADICAL NATIONALIST ELEMENTS IN KUWAIT HAVE BEEN RATHER QUIET DURING LAST FEW WEEKS AS TENSION HAS BEEN MOUNTING IN LEBANESE CRISIS. KUWAITI PRESS HAS CONTINUED ITS SERIES OF EDITORIAL ATTACKS ON SYRIA-US-ISOLATIONIST FORCES WHOM THEY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERIORATION OF PALESTINIAN POSITION IN LEBANON. RECENT EDITORIALS HAVE ALSO BEEN NOTABLE FOR THEIR CRITICISM OF "OTHER ARAB REGIMES" AND ARAB LEAGUE FOR THEIR FAILURE TO BRING GREATER PRESSURE TO BEAR ON SYRIANS AND LEBANESE CHRISTIANS IN ORDER TO ARRANGE CEASEFIRE AND HALT FURTHER INROADS ON PALESTINIAN POSITION.

4. MEMBERS OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS, INCLUDING THOSE REPRESENTING ARAB STATES, WITH WHOM EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE DISCUSSED CURRENT SITUATION, ALL AGREE THAT THERE IS DEFINITE UNDERCURRENT OF TENSION PRESENT IN KUWAITI SITUATION. KUWAIT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MINISTERS WITH WHOM AMBASSADOR HAS SPOKEN, ALL MAINTAIN, ON OTHER HAND, THAT SITUATION IN KUWAIT REMAINS STABLE AND THAT PALESTINIANS, WHILE DISTURBED OVER LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS, ARE NOT LIKELY TO FLARE UP IN ANY EMOTIONAL DEMONSTRATION.

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